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**FOR: RF TREATMENT APPARATUS**

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits,  
please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification , page 1, prior to the heading “Background of the Invention,” please delete the entire paragraph beginning at line 5 and ending at line 8, and insert the following:

#### --Relationship to Copending Applications

This application is a continuation of application serial No. 09/364,203 entitled "RF TREATMENT APPARATUS," filed August 16, 1999, which is a continuation of application serial No. 08/623,652 entitled "RF TREATMENT APPARATUS," filed March 29, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,935,123, which is a continuation of application serial No. 08/295,166 entitled "RF TREATMENT APPARATUS," filed August 24, 1994., now U.S.. Patent No. 5,599,345, which is a continuation-in-part of Application serial No. 08/148,439 entitled

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